

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 544

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Chattanooga firefighter Freddie L. Brooks on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Freddie L. Brooks is one such estimable person who served with distinction for twenty-eight years as a firefighter with the Chattanooga Fire and Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks took a much deserved retirement on October 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Freddie Brooks carved out the foundation of his career through his education early on, earning an associate's degree in fire science technology emergency service supervision and administration from Chattanooga State Community College, a bachelor's degree in fire administration and fire prevention technology from the University of Memphis, and graduating from the Dr. Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute at Dillard University in New Orleans, where he served as an instructor and still remains on the staff with numerous state and federal certifications to his name; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the National Fire Protection Association, International Association of Firefighters Local 820, International Association of Black Professional Firefighters Brothers United, National Fire Academy Alumni Association, American Red Cross, and Vision 20/20; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Committee on Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner Professional Qualifications for the National Fire Protection Association, and he served as an instructor for the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters "No Child Left Alone" fire safety educational program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks will now have ample time to spend with his wife, Princess, and his three children, Jarvius, Brittany, and Brandon; and

WHEREAS, Freddie Brooks exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, risking his life for the protection and betterment of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Freddie L. Brooks for his distinguished service as a firefighter of the Chattanooga community and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.